Functional autonomy to NTPC/NHPC

1553. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to give functional autonomy to the National Thermal Power Corporation and the National Hydro-Electric Power Corporation; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what are the advantages in implementing such a proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The Corporations have the requisite autonomy and no such proposal is under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

Marketing of medicines

1554. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Companies were found marketing their price controlled medicines under the category of price decontrolled ones;

(b) if so, the number of instances which came to Government's notice since the announcement of Drugs Price Control Order alongwith the names of the companies and the products;

(c) whether action under Essential Commodities Act was taken against any of those companies;

(d) if so, what are the names of those companies alongwith the names of their products;

(e) what was the amount each company overcharged on each product since 1979; and

(f) whether apart from such action Government also recovered the amount so overcharged; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (d) Instances of wrong categorisation of Isokin 300 Tablets, Isokin Liquid, Pyridium Tablets by M|s. Warner Hindustan Limited have come to the notice of the Government. After the judgement of the Delhi High Court in respect of former two products and issuance of notice to the company by this department in respect of Pyridium Tablets, they have reclassified the products as category III formulations. The issue, *inter alia* of categorisation of some other products like Waterburry's Vitamin Tonic and Ferradol of M|s. Parke Davis have been raised in the Bombay High Court but the Court is yet to deliver its judgement.

(e) and (f) The concerned revenue authorities have been asked to recover the amount of Rs. 106.36 lakhs overcharged by M|s. Warner Hindustan in respect of Isokin 300 Tablets and Isokin Liquid and Pyridium Tablets as arrears of land revenue.

Kelkar Committee Report on drugs

1555. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the report of Kelkar Committee regarding identification of drugs for Category II of the proposed price control order;

(b) if so, what are the details of the identified drugs;

(c) what were the criteria on the basis of which drugs have been identified;

(d) whether it is a fact that certain members did not agree with the identification based on the criteria spelt out; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) No, Sir.